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Councilman Kersey Honors 100-year-old WWII Veteran Sidney Walton for His Service and Nationwide "No Regrets Tour"



Joined by the Walton Family, Councilman Mark Kersey proclaimed March 7, 2019 to be Sidney Walton Day. More photos and video here.

San Diego – Today, Councilman Mark Kersey honored Rancho Bernardo resident Sidney Walton, a 100-year-old World War II veteran who is on a "No Regrets Tour." Sidney, who regrets missing a historic moment to meet some of the last veterans of the Civil War when he was younger, is making up for it with the mission to meet all 50 governors and the President of the United States. Along the way, he's making himself available to anyone who would like to meet one of the shrinking number of surviving WWII veterans.

"Both of my grandfathers were veterans and sadly not with us anymore, so the fact that we have someone like Sidney who can introduce himself to current generations is fantastic," said Councilmember Kersey. "I'm honored to recognize his service and wish him the best in fulfilling his goal."

Sidney, with his son Paul, began their "No Regrets Tour" last March. They have already met governors of 19 states including Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, Nebraska, Rhode Island, Texas, and Washington. They return to San Diego to regroup and plan the visit to the remaining 31 governors. The father-son journey is being tracked at sidney100.com

"For the City of San Diego to proclaim March 7, 2019 as Sidney Walton Day is an honor that will be remembered for the rest of my life!" said Sidney Walton.

"Today has been a watershed moment in my Dad's campaign to call attention to the declining number of World War II veterans," said son, Paul Walton.

According to the US Department of Veteran Affairs statistics, in 2018 less than 500,000 of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II were still alive.

Councilmember Mark Kersey represents the City of San Diego's Fifth District which includes Del Sur and the rest of Black Mountain Ranch, Carmel Mountain Ranch, Miramar Ranch North, Rancho Bernardo, Rancho Encantada, Rancho Peñasquitos, Sabre Springs, San Pasqual, Scripps Miramar Ranch and Torrey Highlands.

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